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Join the Virtual Community Forum on Noble Hospital

Hello montgomery, I hope all is well with you, I haven't had a chance to reach out since I left Rep Sabadosa's office! I'm now with an organization called Massachusetts Jobs with Justice and we're working with the Mass Nurses Association to try and bring back some of the departments that were recently closed at Baystate Noble hospital.

I wanted to reach out to share some info with you in hopes of getting it into the Mountain Breeze. There will be a forum coming up on the Noble campaign, co hosted by Senator Velis. Below is more information:

Join the October 6 Virtual Community Forum on the Future of Baystate Noble Hospital

Senator John Velis and the registered nurses of Baystate Noble Hospital are hosting a virtual community forum at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6 about the future of inpatient healthcare at the hospital. Noble nurses represented by the

Massachusetts Nurses Association surveyed more than 460 community members and found overwhelming support for nurse contract proposals to preserve and enhance services such as mental health, medical-surgical and ICU. Sign up to join the discussion at www.massnurses.org/NobleForum.

It would be great to have some Montgomery representation at the event as these cuts affect the residents who get services in Westfield!

In solidarity,
Laura Mancusi Britton, Western MA Organizer
Massachusetts Jobs with Justice
1380 Main St, #203
Springfield, MA 01101
www.massjwj.net
Cell: 646-708-3201.

Property recording still in progress

The Montgomery Board of Assessors have announced that during the month of September they will be reviewing houses in town for data entry & picture taking for the record card of that property. A Board of Assessors sign will be located on the side of the vehicle they will be driving.

Voting packet mail in reminder

Many of you have sent in mail in applications for the November elections. There is a postage paid envelope in the packet to mail back but if you wish to you can drop your ballot off in the drop off box at the MAIN DOOR of the town hall. Many people have said the ballots do not fit but they do. Lift the flap open on the box and put the envelope in sideways and start to close the flap and it will go in there. Any questions please let me know.

Judy Murphy, Town Clerk,
413-862-3386 X3

Bulk drop off news

Bulk Drop Off – Oct 3,
8 am to 1 pm

The September orange Mt. Breeze Extra page said it all....the Bulk Drop off for Town residents to get rid of their "extra stuff" is Sat. Oct 3rd. There will be 2 Roll-offs, one for metal and one for non metal. Proof of residency may be required.

“October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again.”

Hal Borland

Important numbers

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 AMBULANCE 911
 STATE POLICE 911

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GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL 685-1102
 GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 685-1202
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Office hours are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each
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 Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Meetings of the Board of Assessors are held on the 1st &
 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
 Please call 862-3386 ext 2 or direct line 642-8105 for an ap-
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 The Conservation Commission meets on the first Monday of
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October Calendar

All coffee hours, yoga and Osteoporosis exercise classes
 have been cancelled until further notice.

Oct. 13 Recycling day

Oct. 27 Recycling day

Scheduled events and times are fluid at this time and subject
 to change.

Condolences to...

Deborah Clark and family, and Richard & Elizabeth
 Clark and family. on the loss of their uncle and Deb's god-
 father, Joseph Burkott at home in Westfield recently.

- Jerrilyn (Larabee) Bliven and family on the loss of their
 husband and father; also to Geraldine "Gerry" Larabee on
 the loss of her son-in-law -- Timothy Bliven, on September
 12 in Springfield.

Paula L. Chapman

Administrative Chief of Police

for the Town of Montgomery

OFFICE HOURS: 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

The office is in the basement of the Town Hall

October 1

November 12

December 3

October 15

November 19

December 17

October 29

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 page and \$14.00 for a full page.

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October 2020

It will be the best place to meet your neighbors again!

The Grille is moving!

(inside, to the end unit of the Marketplace)

Since this pandemic has hit I've tried to figure out how things were going to pan out. I have to say I was wrong on just about everything, but somehow everything has gone just right. To be honest, I bought the food trailer because I wanted to run away and just work out of it. So glad I didn't run and the food trailer is the best road side sign I have ever had. I also think we have the best outside dinning area in the state even though I hate to serve food on disposable plates with plastic ware. I am always overwhelmed with the resolve of Hilltown folks. I thought you would never come out on the cold or rainy mornings at the beginning of this thing. But you did. I never thought last weekend when the temps were in the thirties anyone would show up. But you did. Giddy up, it is me that has to hold on.



In the beginning, one of the Jennie's wasn't ready to come back and the other one filled in. Then the other Jennie had to take some time off and the other Jennie filled in. The point I am trying to make is we do what we need to do, when it needs to be done. That is the vibe I have gotten from the Hilltowns ever since I got here six years ago.

So now we have gone from cooler mornings in the spring, when I couldn't wait to come in and turn the music on and set up outside, to the way colder mornings in the fall. That made me wonder what the future brings. One thing is for sure...more chilly mornings!

The owners of the building, Ron and Maryland, have offered me the End Unit of the building for a more spaced out indoor seating arrangement. At no additional rent! I appreciate it and thank them very much. They have been great through this whole thing.

So the front yard of the grill has worked well all summer. But we have to adapt to the changing weather conditions.

My solution is that the front yard dinning area is moving inside starting October. We will have inside seating with heat in the End Unit of the building. We will be treating that seating just as we have with the outside. There are two windows inside. One to order at and one to pick up. Outside will remain open, of course, for those hardy enough.

All this summer I have smiled as I looked out the window from the kitchen. We all adapted and did it in stride. I believe that is what our country is all about. Adapting and getting better.

Thank you to my co-workers and our customers. We have kept getting on. Hope the rest of the country can do the same.

Scott

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Let's get busy...plenty to do with your garden in October

- Oct. is the month to:
- Do not use Oriental Bittersweet for wreaths. It is an invasive and will seed itself everywhere!
- Peonies should be divided and transplanted mid September to mid October. Plant tubers 2 in. below the surface.
- Divide Spring blooming perennials such as astilbe and iris in the fall.
- Apply a layer of well rotted manure to rhubarb beds.

GardenNews by Chris Brown



- Time to plant garlic, plant the biggest and healthiest bulbs.
- Dig and store dahlias, cannas and other tender bulbs.
- Cut down and discard fernlike asparagus shoots after a killing frost.
- Use chicken wire to protect newly planted spring bulbs from rodents.
- Use apple slices in a mouse traps to capture meadow voles.

Information taken UMass Garden Calendar 2020.

AUTUMN SWEET POTATO AND BUTTERNUT TART

Thank you Jeanne Aras for this timely recipe. I am always looking for recipe favorites. Please send to chrisbro40@yahoo.com

Recipe No-Fail Tart Crust

1 1/2 cups white cheddar cheese, shredded
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 oz. pancetta or bacon, chopped
1/2 tsp. packed brown sugar

1 lb. sweet potatoes, peeled, halved, sliced
1 lb. Butternut, peeled, seeded, cut 3/4" cube
1 tsp. hot chili powder
fresh sage leaves

No-Fail Tart Crust – January 2020 recipe

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 egg yolks

1/2 cup butter, cubed (1 stick)
3 Tbsp. ice water

1/2 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In food processor, pulse flour, butter and salt about 10-20 seconds or until mixture looks like fine crumbs (Do Not over process).

In a small bowl whisk together yolks and water. With processor running, add yolk mixture. Stop as soon as dough starts to come together (about 5 seconds).

Transfer dough to pan, press into corners, trim excess. Using a fork, prick dough all over. Line pastry with a double thickness of foil.

Bake 12 minutes then reduce temp to 350. Remove foil and bake 8 minutes more or until pastry is golden. Let cool completely.

Tart: Prepare no-fail crust, add 1 cup cheese * in step 1, then add the butter. Heat oven at 350 degrees. On foil lined sheet pan, toss the sweet potatoes with 1/2 olive oil, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/8 tsp. pepper. Repeat with squash in second foil lined pan. Roast 20 minutes or until tender. Rotate 1/2 way through. Let cool. Sprinkle remaining cheese (1/2 cup) over bottom of baked crust. Arrange sweet potatoes and squash in rows over the cheese. Bake 10 minutes and cool 20 minutes. In large skillet, cook pancetta (or bacon) until brown and crisp. Stir together butter, chili powder and brown sugar. Brush over tart. Sprinkle with pancetta or bacon and sage leaves. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.

OCTOBER RECIPE

Offered to a home in need

Offering free seasoned firewood to town residents who really could use it. Most in 4 foot lengths from small to large. If interested call 862-3395. Please not intended for resale; only for those in need.

Thanks, a Montgomery neighbor



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

BIRDS OF HALLOWEEN!

OWLS

The Aztecs depicted their God of Death as an owl and viewed the bird as a symbol of destruction. Native Americans associated owls with evil magic. The Japanese saw horned owls as demonic figures. The ancient peoples of the Middle East thought that owls were ill omens. The Romans attributed owls to death and it was considered bad luck to see an owl during the day. Romanian people thought that the hoot of an owl was the prediction of the death of someone near-by. All of these superstitions helped the owl fit in with Halloween symbolism. While crows and ravens rarely hunt prey and instead feed on already dead animals, owls are active and efficient killers. They are nocturnal and solitary hunters, they make practically no sound at all while flying, and they have spectacular hearing which they use to help find prey. These raptors also have a trademark hoot that many people find chilling. More recently, owls have been changed to be seen as a symbol of wisdom.

RAVENS

In 1845 Edgar Allen Poe's poem The Raven was first published ushering in a new generation of fears and anxiety of

ravens that survives to this day. Poe himself is often associated with Halloween due to his macabre gothic works. Even though crows and ravens are given such a bad rap as death eating evil black creatures, they're actually some of the most intelligent birds capable of mimicking human voice like parrots. Also, they aren't just carrion eaters as some think, much of their diet is devoted to berries, fruit, and insects.

VULTURES

While crows, ravens, and owls are slowly becoming more understood and appreciated by the public, vultures are not. The primary factor is most likely that vultures are seen as incredibly ugly birds. They're large with bald heads and they feast primarily on carrion. Eating of the dead has never gone over well with most cultures. As such, we use the term "vulture" to describe people who prey on the weak and dying. Vultures are also given a bad rap in popular culture where they are almost always displayed in a negative manner either by being thieves, murderers, or totally inept. Although they're not the most popular bird in Halloween culture, their symbolism is no doubt fitting for the occasion. Vultures are actually great birds. The Egyptians honored them for their great mothering abilities and they're broad powerful wingspan.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Need a night out, some help with your children, chores around the house, or animal sitting?

Enthusiastic and ambitious 13 1/2 year old girl looking for employment in babysitting, as a mother's helper, house chores and / or yard chores.



I am an American Red Cross certified baby sitter and I am an "A" student in the 8th grade. I am also very active with lacrosse, soccer and guitar. Not only eager to help and work – I am ready to start!

Responsible, reliable, and I love to help with children as well as being a Montgomery native.

If interested, please contact Paige Stomski at 413-862-3682

I can provide references upon request.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN from Montgomery Historical members and friends!

HHS Chicken Pie Supper cancelled, other events on hold

As the leaves begin to fall from the trees and the coronavirus continues to create confusion and unrest, your Montgomery Historical Society leadership asks you to join us in pausing to reflect on those lives lost in our country – now in excess of 200,000. We sincerely hope that all of our neighbors and friends are protecting themselves and loved ones, being careful to follow the prescribed “rules” and staying safe during the pandemic. It will be a delight for us all when we can resume our “normal” routines without the fear of contracting the virus and becoming ill! We’re thinking of you and wishing you well!

Historical Happenings



Once again, we are obliged to cancel our next planned event – our annual Chicken Pie Supper normally held in October. We look forward to resuming our hikes, field trips, and suppers in the coming year. Please stay tuned next month for tentative plans to host our annual Post-Christmas holiday “dinner out” at a local restaurant, currently on our calendar for Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Whether or not we can hold this event will be contingent on the status of the pandemic at that time. Keep your fingers crossed!

The display case in the Grace Hall Memorial Library, Montgomery center, is still awaiting full reopening of the library to the public, at which time the Historical Society will be changing the exhibit for your viewing pleasure. Stay tuned for updates when possible...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Aras
Kendra Berndt
Ronald Brewster
Cassidy Cinelli
Andrew Ellis
Jakob Fernengel
Carolyn Fuller

Joshua Galipeau
Henry Lafleur
Nathan Labay
Barbara Lee
Tim Lord
James Lutat
Chris Mann
Linda Morse

Carol Nummy
Emily Osdan
Scott Osden
Montana Paradis
Julie Pike
Jean Wall
Renee Whitaker

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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From the past pages of history, some paragraphs of interest

MONTGOMERYISMS

Being Paragraphs of Interest About The Worthy Hill Town of Montgomery

Montgomery lies wholly upon the mountain. The town produces good cattle, beef, butter, as well as wood, bark, and lumber.

Mount Tekoa, in the southeast corner of the town, on the border of Westfield is a high elevation, where people often resort to, to survey the broad, rich and varied landscape, extending beyond the Connecticut.

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE AND WINTER CLOSURE

Anyone wishing to purchase a cemetery plot/lot, please contact Joanne Hebert at 862-4586, Patty Little at 862-3830 or Scott Darling at 862-3378, not the Town Office. The price per plot is \$200, lots of 4 plots are \$800. Each plot can be used for one burial and two cremations, or 4 cremations. Sales are limited to legal residents or property owners in Montgomery. The gate to the cemetery will be locked for the winter on November 15th and will re-open in the spring. This is for vehicular traffic, you can still walk in.

The exact date of the settlement of the town is not known. Incorporated Nov 28, 1780.

About 1837 there were 1,468 sheep in town.

The steam saw-mills are penetrating into the woods of Montgomery territory, and will in time leave bare spots on the wooded hills of the town.

Some years ago a hotel 100 feet long, with broad piazzas, was built on a slightly elevation overlooking the Connecticut Valley, but unfortunately it was burned shortly after it was built.

"Bungy" hill, an elevation in Montgomery, is said to be considerably higher than Mt. Tom.

Some years ago the people of Montgomery were wrought up to a high pitch of excitement, by the appearance of a bright light at night in the center on the high ground back of the Methodist Church. A number of people of known veracity vouched for the truth of this, having themselves seen the lights as they passed over the cross-roads running south-west toward the post office. The mystery was a last solved, and the bright light proved to be the reflection of the light from a neighboring house which, striking on a new and highly polished headstone, and viewed at the proper angle by chance passer-by at night, had all the appearance of an actual light in the cemetery.

The upper reservoir is in a natural valley and averages 15 feet in depth, being 45 feet deep in places.

The game laws have been flagrantly disregarded in the town, by hunters who invade the place from surrounding towns, and who show no regard for the Sabbath.

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Library News

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October 2020

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book. ~John Si-nor

New Items In the Library

Agent Sonya by Macintyre
The Thursday murder club by Osman
Virginia Dynasty by Cheney
Chaos by Johansen
Rage by Woodward
Last Stargazers by Levensque
Evening and the Morning by Follett
Black leopard , red wolf by Marlon
One by one by R. Ware
Outlander Season 5 DVD
Walk the wire by Baldacci
Plus many more!

Appointment & Curbside Service

Tuesdays 10 to 5:30* pm, Thursdays 11 to 8 pm*, Saturdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Request library items or appointments by phone , note or email. Items will be sanitized and bagged. If you leave a phone message or email please provide the following: Your name and contact info, Items requesting (title and or author) If items are just on a subject matter (i.e. cooking) please let us know if you want a certain reading level (like young adult, Early Reader ect)

You can pick up items at the Children's Room screen door during new hours.

* returning to normal hours!

Posting on Facebook

We will post updating news to our Facebook page , such as when new items come in or change in hours.

Returning Library Items

Please return all library items to the drop box only! Not items can be returned directly into the library. If possible please have items in a plastic bag. Drop box is to the right of the Children's room

Hours

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Thurs: 11-8
Sat: 9:30-12:30

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COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery
October 2020

Calendar

Coffee Hour - Canceled

Birthdays

Barbara Lee	Linda Morse
Henry Lafleur	William Pattison
Jean Wall	Carol Nummy
Ronald Brewster	James Lutat
Carolyn Fuller	Christine Soderquist
Julie Pike	Kendra Berndt

PHONE SCAM

The State Police in Russell want to notify residents in the area of a phone scam from the IRS or an Official Agency of Social Security with threats of having the sheriff in your town serve you with papers unless you call a specific number. **Do not respond. Just hang up. The IRS or Social Security will never call you. Never give out your social security number or personal information to anyone over the phone.**

911 Signs

Mark Chretien has started installing the 911 signs that were purchased under our Earmark Grant. Please call him to make an appointment to setup installation or delivery times. You can reach Mark at 862-4078 or call Anne-Marie at 862-3257 for more information.

The Council on Aging is looking for new board members. If you would like to serve, please call 862-3257 for more information.

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period October 15 – December 7

This is the time of year when everyone with Medicare can join or change their health and prescription drug plan for 2021.

This is an important opportunity to make sure you are getting the most from your Medicare benefits. Every year, Medicare plans change, and so do your needs. It is worth the time to shop around to see if your coverage is still the best for your situation.

Shine Counselor – Buliah Thomas – 667-2203

Veteran's Agent – Daniel Flechsig – 862-8095

Have RMV Business?

Save time and go online

The RMV recently expanded the selection of online services that residents can conduct from the convenience of their homes. **myRMV** is a one-stop portal allowing residents an easy and efficient way to process multiple transactions, requesting a title, renewing, or replacing a license or an ID, etc. Using **myRMV** is easy and available all the time, wherever you are. Residents can use **myRMV** to schedule a reservation for a transaction they cannot complete online, by phone, or by mail.

9/18/2020 Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

Customers who renew a Standard license/ID online will have REAL ID upgrade fee waived upon future return visit to a Service Center in 2021 Renewal transactions can be conducted at Mass.Gov/RMV; Promotion in effect until the State of Emergency is lifted



Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

We can use this opportunity to spread the word about steps women can take to detect breast cancer early.

- Women ages 40 to 49 should talk with their doctors about when to start getting mammograms.
- Women ages 50 to 74 should get a mammogram every 2 years.

National Mammography Day

The third Friday in October each year is National Mammography Day. On this day, and throughout the month, women are encouraged to make a mammography appointment. In 2020, National Mammography Day is celebrated on **October 16**.

Since its inception, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been at the forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues and has evolved along with the national dialogue on breast cancer. Today, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month recognizes that although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, much still needs to be accomplished. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remains dedicated to educating and empowering women to take charge of their own breast health by practicing regular self-breast exams to identify any changes, scheduling regular visits and annual mammograms with their healthcare provider, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the facts about recurrence.

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